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From: J. Cosens
Re: Brown Corporation
Ionia

A visit with Mr. Poole, business manager of Brown Corporation was made by Chang Bek and the writer on January 10, 1975.

We discussed the wastewater survey that was recently completed by our Water Quality appraisal section along with other matters pertinent to the operation and development of a program of waste control for this company.

After reviewing the circumstances and present control it was believed that a state permit should be developed which would initially permit the discharge of cooling water together with bonderite tank overflow but further schedule the separation of these waste with the bonderite to the municipal system. The company presently discharges their sanitary waste to the Ionia sewer system.

The only time there is any potential of there discharge reaching the surface waters is during the few hours that flood conditions exist in the Ionia area from the Grand River. During all other periods of the season the waste is utilized by swamp grass and ground seepage. Further since there is a railroad grade between the company and the River the flood is caused by raising the ground waters in the swamp and not by flowing over the ground surface. When the water recedes is also soaks back into the ground.

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